

V. REMARKS

The drawings are objected to because they fail to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(4). The Office Action alleges that reference characters "18" and "19" have both been used to designate the chassis in Figure 4A; that reference characters "25" and "26" have both been used to designate the chassis and Figure 4B; and, that reference characters "31" and "32" have both been used to designate the chassis in Figure 4C.

It is respectfully submitted that the following reference numbers refer to the appropriate elements in the drawing figures,

DRAWING FIGURE	REFERENCE NUMBER	ELEMENT NAME
4A	18	mechanical chassis
4A	19	chassis
4B	25	mechanical chassis
4B	26	chassis
4C	31	mechanical chassis
4C	32	chassis

Each one of the reference numbers 18, 25 and 31 are associated to its respective drawing figure with a lead line having an arrowhead. A lead line having an arrowhead typically refers to the structure as a whole. In this case, the lead line having an arrowhead refers to a mechanical chassis apparatus. Each one of the reference numbers 19, 26 and 32 are associated to their respective drawing figures with a lead line that is absent an arrowhead. In this case, the lead line refers only to the structure to which the lead line is touching, which, in this case, is a chassis member.

It is respectfully submitted that the labeling of the drawing Figures 1A through 3C have all been labeled in this manner, to wit:

DRAWING FIGURE	REFERENCE NUMBER	ELEMENT NAME
1A	6	mechanical chassis
1A	7	chassis
2	11	mechanical chassis
2	12	chassis
3A	13	mechanical chassis
3A	14	chassis

Further, in response to the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, the following claim amendments have been made: "chassis" to "chassis member" and "mechanical chassis" to "mechanical chassis apparatus". It is respectfully submitted that these amendments clarify for the Examiner that "the chassis" is different from "a mechanical chassis" as previously recited in the claims. It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner will withdraw the objection to the drawings because the Applicant has now clarified the differences between a chassis and a mechanical chassis.

Further, Applicant respectfully requests permission from the Examiner to amend the specification so that the amended claims which now recite a chassis member and a mechanical chassis apparatus as verbatim antecedent basis in the specification. No new matter will be introduced to the amended specification.

Alternatively, Applicant respectfully that the Examiner propose how the specification can be amended and/or the drawings can be corrected such that consistency is maintained throughout the entire application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner not to allow the application to go abandoned as a result of the Examiner's requirement that new drawings be submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant simply does not know how at this stage to correct drawing figures without further information from the Examiner.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number below so that this issue can be resolved and the application can be moved towards allowance.

Claims 2-5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 24 are objected to because of informalities. Claim 12 is amended to obviate the objection. The remaining claims are canceled and therefore the objection as applied to these claims is now moot. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-16, 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Claims 6, 14-16 and 23 are amended to obviate the rejection. The remaining claims are canceled and therefore the rejection as applied to these claims is

now moot. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 18-20 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Japan 9147537 in view of prior art figure 6C and U.S. Patent No. 6,310,853. The claims are canceled and therefore the rejection as applied to these claims is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 7-13 and 19-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as unpatentable over Japan 737375 in the prior art figure 6C, the 853 patent and Japan 537. Claims 2-5, 7-13 and 19-22 are canceled and therefore the rejection as applied to these claims is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

The newly-added claims 27-34 include features not shown in the applied art. Further, all of the newly-added claims 27-34 read on the elected Species III, Figs. 4A-4C, 5A-5C and/or 6A-C.

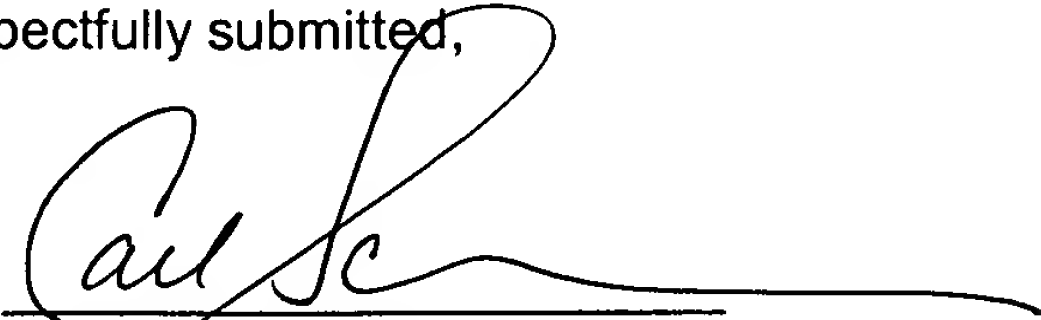
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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